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SLAMS HOMER—Jerry McDaniel of the Kings Mountain American League all-stars is congratulated as he trots down the third base line after slammung a home run against the KM National League in the championship game of the Dixie Youth Major League

district tournament Friday night at Tryon's Warlick Field. The KM all-stars play Cape Fear of Wilmington Saturday at 6 p.m. in the opening round of the state tournament at Bessemer City.

Dixie Youth Stars Play Cape Fear Team

Kings Mountain's American League All-Stars will play Cape Fear Saturday at 6 p.m. in the opening round of the State Dixie Youth Major League tournament at the Bessemer City Dixie Youth Park.

The local nine won the right to play in the state tourney last week when

they won the District Three title in the double-elimination tourney at Tryon's Warlick Field. Kings Mountain finished third in last year's state tourney at Whiteville. KM, coached by David Plonk, Bob Short and Gerald McDaniel, went unbeaten through last week's district field and

defeated the KM National Leaguers 11-4 in the championship game. Tommy Batchler hurled the win and Jerry McDaniel led the hard-hitting plate attack with 3-for-3, including a homer. Kings Mountain will be fielding one of its better state tourney teams. The all-stars are blessed with

good hitters as evidenced by their five home runs in the district championship game.

KM 16 Year Olds Open State Tourney

Kings Mountain's 16 year old Babe Ruth all-stars open play in the state tournament Friday night at South Iredell High School in Statesville.

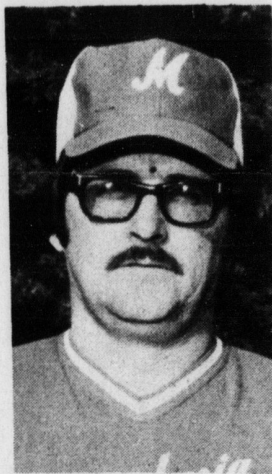
KM will play Alexander County's all-stars at 8 p.m. Coaches Jim White, Kyle Smith and Don Ellis expect to be strong in pitching and defense and adequate in the hitting department.

Kings Mountain has been preparing for the state event for three weeks. The local nine did not have to compete in any district or area tournaments because they're the only 16 year old team in Area B.

The winner of the Statesville tournament will earn a berth in the Southeast Regionals beginning next weekend in Charlotte.

"I expect the state field to be pretty evenly balanced," said White, who coached a 13 year old team to a third place finish in the Southeast five years ago. "With Charlotte hosting the regional, they'll not be competing in the state, so we should stand a real good chance."

Ricky Proctor, who hurled for the local high school nine last spring, will probably get the pitching assignment against



JIM WHITE

Alexander County.

"We have a real good pitching staff," said White. "Along with Proctor, we've got Todd Bialock, who also did some pitching for the high school, and Mike Dover, a hard thrower from Blacksburg."

Other KM all-stars include Terry Chapman, Alan Van Dyke, Darrell Sisk, Mike Hayes, Larry Pearson, Gary Thompson, James Leach, Novell Young, Scott Bowen, Scott Buchanan, Reno Setzer, Curtis Foster and Calvin Camp.



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FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH



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OUT AT HOME—Keith Proctor of the Kings Mountain National League Dixie Youth all-stars is tagged out at the plate when he tried to score from third on a passed ball in Friday's title game in the DYL Major tournament at Tryon. Making the putout is pitcher Tommy Batchler of the Kings Mountain Americans, who won 11-4 and advanced to the state tournament beginning Saturday in Bessemer City.

Register For Football

All persons between ages of nine and 13 interested in playing for any of the three Kings Mountain youth

football teams this year are urged to register Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the community center.

Any persons who cannot register Saturday may register on the first day of practice, which is August 1 at 5 p.m. at City Stadium.

The three KM teams are sponsored by the Optimist Club and Recreation Department.

The annual Piedmont Shrine Benefit golf tournament will be played this weekend at Riverbend Golf Club near Shelby. Anyone interested in playing may contact Phil Wallace at the pro shop or call 482-4286.

All proceeds will go to the Shriner's Hospital For Crippled Children in Greenville, S.C.

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